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Slave Lake disaster declared Driftpile Band loses elder

By Gil McGowan

The provincial government has declared the town of Slave Lake a disaster area after flood waters washed through the northern community's streets, flooding basements, moving trailers and stranding cars.

The flood was the result of heavy rains that swelled the Sawridge Creek and caused it to overflow its banks.

Environment Minister Ken Kowalski said at a news conference that the storm damage could easily exceed \$10 million.

He promised that a disaster services centre would be opened in Slave Lake to process damage claims brought in by the estimated 700 homeowners affected by the flood.

It is expected that the government will offer temporary living allowances and compensation packages to families displaced by the flood.

The town of Slave Lake was not the only area affected by the flood. Other neighbouring communities were also stricken.

Residents of the Driftpile Indian Reserve, about 60km west of Slave Lake, were forced to evacuate their homes after flood waters from the southern shore of Lesser Slave Lake surrounded their settlement.

It was reported that water swept through the community with such force that trucks and vans were carried away.

Driftpile band members, many of whom had to be evacuated by boat and helicopter, were taken to High Prairie and nearby Jossard for temporary accommodation.

No serious injuries were attributed directly to the flood either in Slave Lake, or any of its surrounding communities, but the flood did contribute to the death of a Driftpile elder who died while walking from his home to higher ground.

Faust RCMP have confirmed that Samuel Isadore, a Driftpile Medicine man, died of a heart attack while fleeing rising waters with relatives.

The Driftpile Band mourns his loss.



Without government funding

Native newspaper looks to fifth year

By Dave Moser

Alberta Native News celebrates its fourth anniversary of independent publishing this month. Throughout its four years, the newspaper has endeavoured to be a communications link between Native and Metis Albertans as well as with the non-Native community. From its outset in a basement on 109 Street in Edmonton, it has been the premise of the Alberta Native News, that a real newspaper is independent of government funding and affiliation with any organization.

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Alberta Native News will continue to be living proof that a Native newspaper can exist and flourish independent of government subsidies and influence.

Metis Association revokes memberships

By Gil McGowan

Seven members of the Metis Association's Edson local have had their memberships revoked after asking to look at the provincial association's financial records.

The expelled members, including Edson local president Sharon Johnstone, have protested their treatment, claiming that they followed proper procedure when requesting access to the records.

Dan Martel, former Zone 4 vice-president and one of those who lost member status, says that he observed MAA rules by submitting a written request to the MAA board at a June 9th meeting.

But when the members from Edson arrived at the provincial office five days later to look at the records, Martel says that they were greeted with pre-prepared expulsion notices.

Martel and the others decided to apply for

access to the records because they felt that the MAA was being mismanaged.

"There's been a lot of money paid out for board members," Martel says, adding that he is especially distressed by the board's travel allowance.

Martel also charges that MAA executive officers have been receiving unfair loans from the association and that funds earmarked for housing projects have been diverted to the new Metis newspaper, the *Native Network News*.

But Clint Beuhler, executive assistant to MAA president Larry Desmeulles, denies all of Martel's accusations.

He feels that instead of focusing attention on the charges that have been made against the board, observers should begin to question Johnstone and Martel's motivations for initiating the debate.

"They have begun a campaign to discredit the association," Beuhler says, adding that he thinks that by taking action against the board, Johnstone is merely trying to solidify her "power base."

Beuhler claims that the association would not deny any member access to the records if that member followed proper procedures — something that he claims Martel and Johnstone did not do.

"Their letter was not presented until the meeting was adjourned"

and was therefore ruled out of order, Beuhler says.

He adds that the decision to expel Johnstone and Martel was not an easy one.

"Any action taken against individual members is always taken reluctantly, but we have to consider the best interests of the association."

Beuhler feels that the MAA executive has been vindicated by a recent court ruling that upholds the board's expulsion decision.



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New IAA president elected

By Bryan Brochu

Earlier this month, representatives of the 44,000 member Indian Association of Alberta met to elect a new executive.

Roy Louis, 42, was elected president. Born in Hobbema, Mr. Louis has attended both the University of Lethbridge and the University of Calgary. For the past two years he has been a board member of the IAA, serving as treasurer.

At the meeting in Fort Vermilion, Louis addressed several concerns regarding the Native community. He recognized as the highest priority the controversial land claims issue. Louis feels the process is unbearably slow, pointing out the fact that last year, of 468 land claims declared, only 35 were validated. To speed up the process, Louis advocates more concentrated negotiations with Ottawa and, if necessary, lobbying the federal government.

The second priority identified by Louis was education. The problem is that there is an increasing number of students entering post secondary schools and he recognizes that the IAA must do more to support these young people. Louis feels that it is imperative to educate the non-Native population as well.

"People do not understand where we're coming from. We must make the public more aware."

In order for the Native communities in Alberta to achieve self government, Indian leaders will have to cooperate to "develop a solid economic base from which to work from. We already have the administrative structure in place," declared Louis.

The final issue raised by Louis was the high rate of unemployment among Indians, although no plan of action was offered.

The other executives elected are Vice presidents Percy Potts, Greg Smith and Bill Sewepagoham; Secretary Lawrence Courtoreille and Treasurer Bill Newberry.

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Human rights commissioner calls Natives "apathetic"

By Bryan Brochu and Gil McGowan

Native people in Alberta are too apathetic to take advantage of provincial human rights protection programs charged an Alberta Human Rights Com-

missioner in a recent interview with the *Alberta Native News*.

Larry Peron, who was acting executive commissioner at the time of the interview, claimed that the small

number of Native complaints (12) handled by the commission in 1986-87 indicated that Natives were uninterested in protecting their rights.

"They are apathetic towards the Human Rights Commission," he said.

Peron, who based his claims on his experience with Blood Indians in southern Alberta, said that the commission has made adequate efforts to educate the Native population about its services, but has received little, or no response.

Lou Demerais, communications director for the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), called Peron's remarks "silly".

Demerais explained that many Natives who have problems with employers and landlords by-pass the Human Rights Commission and bring their complaints straight to the IAA.

"We normally try to follow it up on our own," he said, adding that this was one of the reasons that the HRC received so few complaints.

Stan Scudder, chairman of the human rights commission, was hesitant to accept his colleague's assessment of the Native situation.


"I wouldn't have made that sort of remark myself," he said, adding that there are many reasons that more Natives have not taken advantage of the

commission's services.

"There is probably more discrimination than is coming to our attention...but we do have limited resources," he said.

Scudder said that the commission is and always has been "willing and eager" to help the Native community.

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New bills offer security to Metis

By Bryan Brochu

Two bills introduced this month in the Alberta legislature have formally begun a process to transfer legal ownership of settlement lands to Alberta's Metis.

Metis Federation President Randy Hardy welcomes the proposed legislation, but wonders why action has taken so long to reach the legislature. In 1985 the Alberta Legislature adopted a resolution to protect Alberta's Metis settlement lands in the constitution and to provide for a form of culturally based governance. But little progress was made following the 1985 resolution until now.

The bills, 50 years after the Metis Population Betterment Act, are proposed amendments to the Alberta Act and the creation of a new Metis Settlements Act.

As Randy Hardy stated, "the bills introduced today move us one step closer to our goal of constitutionally protecting our land."

The Metis Settlements

Land Act will continue to recognize that settlement councils will maintain their major role in settlement government. In addition settlement councils will now be granted the power to make decisions on membership

and land allocation; plus a general council will be created as a central land and trust fund holding body.

The second bill proposes an amendment to the Alberta Act to prevent land from being taken away from the Metis without their permission. The Alberta Act is part of the Canadian constitution and thus if it becomes amended, then these lands are constitutionally protected. As Hardy points out, "protecting our land has been a critical concern for many years now."

Currently, Alberta's 5,000 Metis are the only self-governed Metis in Canada. If the bills are passed, then the Alberta Metis will be the only constitutionally protected Metis in Canada.

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Mohawks defend their nation, not profits

By Gil McGowan

On June 1, over 200 RCMP constables raided the Kahnawake Reserve just south of Montreal, arresting 17 Mohawk Indians and confiscating \$450,000 dollars worth of "contraband" cigarettes. The raid came without warning and at a time when Mohawk leaders were in the process of negotiating a cigarette-tax agreement with the federal government.

The people of the Kahnawake reserve reacted quickly and decisively to the RCMP's heavy-handed tactics. They erected a blockade on a busy Quebec highway and posted armed men to stand guard.

But why were the Mohawks so angered? Were they upset because the police had taken their cigarettes? Were they acting only out of greed?

Unfortunately, this is the interpretation made by the federal government and most media observers. They felt the Mohawk leaders were

simply trying to guarantee profits.

But this was obviously not the case. Had the government and media representatives really listened to the statements made by Mohawk Chief Joe Norton and Warrior Society spokesman Peter Diome, they would have realized that the Mohawks central concern was self-determination not profit-making.

Norton and Diome believe their Mohawk community constitutes a sovereign nation and resent the imposition of "foreign" law.

They erected the blockade to protest the unjust violation of their sovereign land, not to protect profits.

How government controls the media

Throughout the history of aboriginal newspapers in Alberta, the trend has been to approach various levels of government, not only for initial funding, but also for regular grants to maintain the paper. But, traditionally, if the paper publishes something the government does not like, the funding is cut.

Subsidized papers believe there is merit in securing public funds to buy sophisticated equipment to publish the newspapers. They use public money to pay salaries to run the paper and teach others the newspaper business. In reality, they are practicing and teaching the grantsmanship business. They are perpetuating an attitude of learned helplessness and dependence. Their objective is not to be self-supporting, but to spend the grants they have to ensure their funding will not be cut the following year.

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Fight racism through unity

When a man like Jim Keegstra begins to rant about the Jewish conspiracy, it is important to note that he is not attacking only the Jews — he is fostering intolerance towards all distinguishable minority groups.

That is, if people begin to accept the argument that Jews are ultimately the cause of all political, economic and social problems, it will become easier for them to place the blame on other minorities — simply replacing one scapegoat with another.

After the Jews, many other groups (blacks, Orientals, East Indians . . . Natives) may (and, indeed have) become the targets for hateful attacks.

Only by acting in unison can minority groups hope to encourage people to reject racist ideas and misconceptions. Only by acting together can we combat the scapegoat mentality. Natives should stand strong in support of the Jewish community. Natives should lend aid to all those minority groups who, like themselves, are oppressed or threatened by the vicious actions of bigots.

Racism is a reality in Canada and Alberta. There are many people (including community leaders, educators, businessmen, and government officials — not only wild-eyed, sidewalk mumbler) who speak scornfully of, and often take violent actions against, Orientals, Jews and blacks. There are also many people, who as we know, are greatly prejudiced against Native people.

Since the first European settlers arrived in Canada, Natives have been relegated to a second class position. They have been forced to forsake much of their heritage, give up vast tracts of land and embrace a foreign language and culture.

And today the abuses continue. Natives are harassed by police, ignored by employers, shunned by business people and seen as a nuisance by government.

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By Gil McGowan

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They became angered after about 200 RCMP officers entered their reserve and confiscated about \$450,000 worth of American cigarettes.


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Native languages must be protected - AFN

By Gil McGowan

Canadian Natives will have no cultural future if aboriginal languages are allowed to die, warns a report on Native education recently released by the Assembly of First Nations.

The report, commissioned by the AFN to aid in the production of a comprehensive language policy, expresses the belief that Native people cannot hope to remain distinct unless efforts are made to protect their languages.

"Our Native language embodies a value system about how we ought to live and relate to each other," writes Eli Taylor, a contributor to the report from the Sioux Valley Reserve in Manitoba, "it gives a name to relations among kin, to roles and responsibility among family members, to ties with the broader clan group..."

Taylor believes that without their languages, Natives will become assimilated completely into mainstream North American society.

"Without our language we will cease to exist as a separate people," she writes.

According to the study, actions to ensure the retention of Native languages must be taken immediately because, at present, only three of Canada's 53 aboriginal languages (Cree, Ojibway and Inuktitut) have strong chances of survival. The other 50 are either facing extinction or are rapidly deteriorating.

To ensure that no more languages are lost, the AFN's report recommends that "explicit recognition of the right to revitalize and use Aboriginal languages be entrenched in the Canadian Constitution."

The drafters of the report feel that Native languages should have the same resource and protection rights as the French language.

"The French speaking population of Canada has enjoyed a variety of benefits ranging from greater recognition of their culture to economic development as a result of (constitutional) protection and (government) resourcing," the report says.

The study also points out that Native languages have no other repository (no other homeland), besides Canada, as do European languages. If an aboriginal language dies out here, it will cease to exist completely.

To guard against such a loss, and to ensure that funding to minority language groups becomes more equitable, the AFN's report recommends that resources both human and financial be increased to facilitate the development and implementation of (Native) language program and projects."

The report stresses the importance of community based language development

programs and points to the important role that Elders can and should play in the educational process.

The report concludes by urging federal, provincial and territorial governments to formally commit themselves to the development, revitalization and enrichment of Aboriginal languages.

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No increases to reinstatement fund

By Gil McGowan
The federal government will not increase funding to the Bill C-31 Native reinstatement program, say Canadian Press representatives who have managed to obtain a number of confidential Indian Affairs documents.

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Bill C-31, a 1985 amendment to the Indian Act, allows Native women who lost their Indian status by marrying non-Natives to regain their status. Under the Bill, children of such women may also become status Indians.

The federal government had established a fund to help bands and Native settlements assimilate all the new status Indians into their communities, but that fund has proven insufficient.

Ottawa originally had allotted \$295 million dollars for the reinstatement project but that was before they realized how many people would actually apply for reinstatement.

Initial government projections, upon which funding recommendations were made, suggested that as few as 65,000 people would apply for Indian status, but with about 90,000 applications already submitted that figure should probably have been closer to 120,000.

Indian Affairs officials also underestimated the number of reinstated Indians who would choose to move back to reserves, say Native leaders.

They guessed that about 10 percent of the originally projected 65,000 Natives would relocate. But in fact 26 percent have gone back to reserves.

As a result of increased band size and limited government support many Native council are finding it difficult to accommodate all their new members.

Chief Bill Montier, speaking on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations' special committee on Bill C-31 at the AFN's recent conference in

Edmonton, said that the federal government should increase funding to reinstatement efforts.

He pointed out that the former Minister of Indian Affairs had promised that "no band would be worse off" as a result of Bill C-31.

According to Montier, the federal government "failed first to anticipate, plan and resource" the implementation of the Bill.

The Assembly of First Nations feels that "no Nation should be forced to deplete its resource base to ensure implementation (of the Bill)."

Montiers' report also asserted that all reinstated Indians will eventually return to reserves and that funding should be available for this.

"Funding commitments must cover all current and future impact," Montier said.

That Native communities across the country have been suffering from Bill C-31 implementation was shown by the comments made by the leaders at the AFN conference in Edmonton.

"People are literally knocking at my door," said one British Columbia chief, adding that he has no place to house many of the new status Indians who have come to his community.

Montier said that a study to evaluate the impact of Bill C-31 on Native health care, housing, education and administration should be commissioned.

"We are here to ensure that the federal government lives up to their promises," he said.

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Alberta vice chief "fights back"

By Gil McGowan

Lawrence Courtonelle, Treaty 8 representative to the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), will be taking the concerns of Alberta Native leaders to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

Courtonelle, recently elected as Vice Chief for Alberta, will be the first Alberta Native leader to sit on the AFN council since 1984.

At that time, Alberta delegates chose to split with the AFN to oppose what they thought was a feeble opposition to Bill C-31.

Courtonelle and others predicted that the costs for implementation of the Bill would be too high, but were unable to convince the AFN executive.

They also felt that First Nations, not the federal government, should be the ones to decide membership.

"Most of our concerns (about Bill C-31) now have been voiced by chiefs right across Canada," Courtonelle says, adding that the AFN has now been forced to recognize and take action on Albertas' grievances.

But, Courtonelle is quick to point out that his choice to renew ties with the AFN is an individual one.

"The chiefs of Alberta felt...that only the chiefs could speak on behalf of their people," he says, making it clear that the IAA will not pressure chiefs to rejoin the AFN.

According to Courtonelle, those Alberta chiefs who have come back to the AFN have done so merely because the AFN offers one more avenue for negotiating with the government.

As a member of the AFN's senior council, Courtonelle with continue his opposition of Bill C-31 and also take a stand against provincial involvement in treaty negotiations.

"I want to have as much input to fight the direction of this Conservative government as I can," he says, adding that strong action must be taken by Natives across the country to combat the government's "dangerous" policies.

"They (the federal government) have one goal in mind," Courtonelle says, "and that is to cut off funding to Native people."

He charges that many officials involved with the administration of Indian Affairs, especially those who are more preoccupied with dollars than people, are trying to "assimilate Natives, to take our land base, and shuffle off responsibility to the provinces."

Courtonelle points out that Natives have rights defined by the Crown but he says that the federal government is trying to undermine those rights through legislation and judicial action.

He also feels that the government is trying to prejudice Canadians against Native causes by saying that Native leaders are asking for too much money and that Natives are willing burdens on the welfare system.

"We are the only minority group in the world that has taken this kind of abuse and is still willing to negotiate," he says, adding the Native leaders may leave the bargaining tables if government abuses continue.

In Courtonelle's view it would be "really sad" if Natives had to resort to violence to defend their rights but he says that is what might happen if the federal government does not take immediate action.

"If you push too hard, too long somebody is going to fight back," he says.

Courtonelle feels that the AFN may be able to resolve the tensions through negotiations but only if Native leaders across the country support their efforts.

"The AFN is only as effective as the chiefs that are involved...they need total support to be effective," he says.

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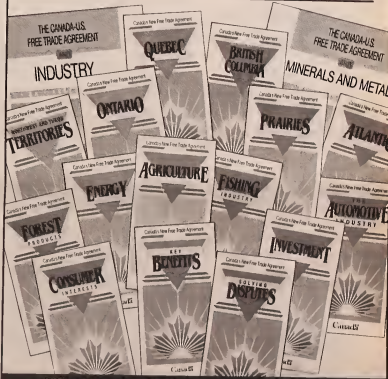
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U.K. drops fur restrictions

by Gil McGowan
The British government has decided to scrap legislation that would have limited the number and kind of furs imported from Canada.

The anti-fur bill would have required that labels describing trapping methods be attached to all products made from the fur of bobcats, coyotes, lynx and wolf (among others).

The animals are commonly caught in leg-hold traps.

Animal rights advocates received the support of many British MP's when they argued that such traps are inhumane because the trapped animals do not die quickly.

Native leaders, fearing financial losses similar to those experienced after the 1981 European ban on seal pelts, went to Britain in hopes of stopping the bill.

Canadian government officials joined the Native representatives in criticizing the Bill, pointing out that nearly 50,000 Native Canadians rely on hunting and trapping for their livelihoods.

Canada's External Affairs Minister Joe Clark went so far as to say that fur restriction would mean "economic extinction" for many Canadian Natives.

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Spokesmen for the British Trade Department said that the anti-trapping bill would be abandoned because it's implementation would be too complicated.

But British animal-rights activists said the real reason for the decision was that the

government was caving in to political pressure.

One animal-rights representative claimed that the British Conservatives were reacting to threats of Canadian boycotts on British goods and the possibility of losing Canadian naval contracts.

Georges Erasmus, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations said that the British decision was a positive one.

"It's a very happy day for Native people in the Americas," he said.

Amendments to the Indian Act advanced

(ANN) — As a result of an amendment to the Indian Act recently passed by the House of Commons, band councils will be able to tax their reserve lands.

Bill C-115, often referred to as the "Kamloops Amendment" also enables bands to set land aside for leasing and economic development without having that land lose its reserve status.

Under the Bill, individual Indians will, for the first time, be able to use leases on Indian land as collateral for investment, again without risking the reserve status of land.

The House of Commons also heard the second readings of three other Bills sponsored by the Department of Indian Affairs: Bill C-73, regarding land agreements in Ontario; Bill C-123, regarding minor's trusts; and Bill C-122, having to do with band by-laws and membership rules.

If Bill C-122 is passed, band by-laws and membership rules would not have to be registered, published or examined in the Canada Gazette as was previously required by the Statutory Instruments Act.

Native leaders have expressed their opposition to this amendment, saying that if by-laws are not published in the

Under Bill C-122 the federal government would be exempt from implementing and ob-

serving by-laws and membership rules passed by band councils.

Metis Association establishes elder's council

By: Gil McGowan

The Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) has decided to establish an Elders Council to deal with membership issues and disputes.

The council will take up mediation and discipline functions that had previously been the responsibility of the MAA executive board.

The executive supported the creation of the council because they felt that they were spending too much time on membership issues and not enough time on more substantial issues.

"We want to focus on getting things done instead of putting out fires," said Clint Beuhler, executive assistant to MAA president Larry Desmeules.

The Elders Council was established by resolution at the Metis Association's recent assembly in Lac La Biche.

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They feel that publication is necessary to ensure that the federal government recognizes the by-laws as legitimate.

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New amendment still restricts picketing — opposition, labor reps protest

by Gil McGowan

The provincial government has decided to revise sections of Bill 22, the controversial Labor Relations Code proposed by Labor Minister Ian Reid last April.

The original draft of the Bill suggested that people without a "direct interest" should not be allowed to join picket lines.

More specifically, the Bill proposed that fines of up to \$5000 be levied against non-strikers who join labor protest.

Under pressure from Opposition M.L.A.'s and Labor representatives who claimed that the legislation was unconstitutional because it restricted the freedom of expression, the Conservatives have put forward a 41-page amendment to the Bill that would change the anti-picket provision.

The new amendment promises that anyone may picket but maintains that the Labor Relations Board should be able to determine the number of people involved in any given picket line.

Minister Reid says that the Board's intervention is necessary to avoid picket-line violence.



But, New Democrat Labor Critic Brian Strong disagrees with Reid's assessment. "The thing that causes picket line violence is replacement workers, not the number of people standing on the picket line," he says.

Strong charges that the Conservative government purposefully

ignored the submissions and presentations given at last years public hearing into the labor situation—meetings organized to give the government direction when formulating new labor legislation.

"It's not labor legislation, it's union-busting legislation," he says.

Labor leaders have also reacted angrily to Bill 22 and it's proposed amendment.

The Alberta Building Trades Council has warned that province-wide strikes may be organized to protest the new legislation.

The Council says protest action can only be avoided if the Conservatives take action to stop the creation of "spin-off" companies — non-union subsidiaries of unionized firms designed to weaken union power.

Alberta Federation of Labour President Dave Werlin echoed the Council's warning of a general strike, although no AFL union has yet made any formal protest plans.

Tories limit legislative debate

The provincial government has invoked closure on legislative debate for the fourth time in little over a month.

Closure, a procedural device designed to limit discussion and debate, has traditionally been used only in extraordinary circumstances.

The government has previously stopped debate on the third reading of the Lotteries Act, the second reading of Bill 22, the proposed Labor Relations Code, and Bill 21 the Employment Standards Code.

In a statement made to the Legislative Assembly on June 22, Conservative house leader Les Young

announced that he planned to cut off committee — stage debate on Bill 22. As a result of this most recent closure move, the New Democrat opposition will be unable to present and debate its 55 amendments to the Bill, even though open discussion had been promised earlier by Premier Getty.

The Opposition hoped to voice concerns about the Bill's proposed restrictions on picket-line activity, its support of non-union companies, and its proposed changes to union certification procedures.

New Democrat Labor critic Brian Strong said after the Tory's closure measure was announced that "it is obvious they (the Conservative) don't want to debate the thing". He charged that the Tories are trying to

ram through the legislation even though it has received little support outside of the Conservative caucus.

"If they felt so confident that it (the Bill) was fair...they wouldn't be afraid to debate it," he said.

Conservative House leader Les Young said that closure was necessary because the ND's were prolonging debate and delaying house business.

But, Strong pointed out that the government was given two years to put together the legislation while the Opposition was only given two days to formulate amendments.

The New Democrat caucus has promised to extend house debates in order to protect the Conservative's "heavy handed" tactics.

Liberal Leader Nick Taylor says that he is annoyed that the Conservative and New Democrats cannot establish a more effective dialogue.

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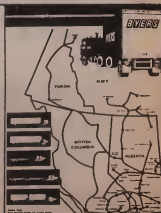


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By Gil McGowan

Jim Keegstra, the former Eckville high-school teacher who was found guilty on charges of spreading hatred, has won an appeal of his conviction.

Three Alberta Court of Appeals Justices have voted unanimously to overturn the 1985 ruling, claiming that the section of the Criminal Code used to charge Keegstra is unconstitutional and violates the Charter of Rights.

Justice R.P. Kerans wrote in his pronouncement that the section in the Criminal Code that prohibits promoting hatred against identifiable groups "fails adequately to respect free speech... it has no force and effect."

Kerans also claimed that the law forced the jury to convict Keegstra even though they might have thought what Keegstra said was true.

"The law... requires a jury to convict even though they are convinced that not one person in all Canada actually came to hate any member of any group as a result of what an accused said..."

Keegstra was pleased with the ruling, saying that in a "democratic country, people should be free to express their views" no matter what those views are.

Jewish community leaders have expressed shock and anger as a result of the decision.

"We're not pleased with the decision," said Len Dolgoy, National Vice President of the Canadian Jewish Congress and spokesperson for the Jewish Federation of Edmonton.

"We think that the Charter should not be used to promote the spreading of hatred against identifiable groups or minorities," he said.

Dolgoy feels that 1985 ruling should be upheld and the present anti-hate law defended because it defines "a reasonable limitation on the freedom of speech."

"There are enough safeguards (in the present law) to allow for the legitimate expression of opinion," he said.

Dolgoy says that the Jewish community will be asking the Attorney General to appeal the case to the Supreme Court and urges the community-at-large to do the same.

He feels sure that Albertans will "recognize that this effects all groups in the society."

Keegstra's 1985 conviction sprung from charges laid by Susan Maddox, a parent concerned about the "history" that Keegstra was trying to pass off as a fact.

During his trial, it was shown that Keegstra taught his students that Jews were responsible for all the wars and revolutions in recent history, that the Holocaust was a hoax and that there

exists an international Jewish conspiracy to control the world's economy.

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Federal review of hate case demanded

Gil McGowan
The Alberta Human Rights Commission has suggested the Keegstra-hate case be brought before the Supreme Court of Canada or the Parliament.

In a statement released after Keegstra's Court of Appeal

pardon was handed down, Stan Scudder, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, said that efforts must be made to ensure freedom of speech but that individuals and minorities must also be protected from hate campaigns.

"Nothing is more insidious than the persecution of a people because of their colour or race," Scudder said. The Commission pointed out in its statement that the Keegstra conviction was struck down because of constitutional questions, not

because the Justice agreed with or supported any of Keegstra's views.

But Scudder added that Albertans and Canadians should never weaken in their position against racism.

"People must guard against those ideas which lead to unfair treatment and encourage acts of violence against members of a racial or ethnic groups," he said.

In Scudder's view, racism can only develop in a society that allows it to. Because of this, he feels that people must consciously work to eradicate racism.

"We must never be apathetic on this issue," he said.

problem only," he said. City and community leaders denounced the murder attempt and urged Albertans to take action to neutralize racism.

KKK in Alberta — bomb plot revealed

(ANN) — Two Calgary men, believed to be members of the Klu Klux Klan, have had their plot to kill a Jewish community leader and blow up a Jewish community center foiled by police.

The tactical squad of the Calgary police department arrested Robert Wilhelm Hamilton, 19, and Timothy David Heggen, 29, as they were attempting to move three large bombs that had been hidden under a pier in Heritage Park.

Police have revealed that Harold Milavsky, chairman of the Calgary based development company Trizec

Corp., was the target for the attack.

The plan had been to set off bombs that would destroy the Calgary Jewish Centre, kill Milavsky and frighten Donna Falconer, an acquaintance of the assailants with whom they were angry.

Hal Joffe, president to the Calgary Jewish Community council warned that violence against Jews meant trouble for other minority groups as well.

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Natives demand hunting rights

By Gil McGowan
Native people should not be subject to the same restrictions regarding the hunting of

migratory birds as non-Natives, says a report presented by the National Committee on Treaties (NCT) at the Assembly of First Nations conference in Edmonton.

"Many Natives rely on migratory birds to feed their families," NCT representatives said.

But because of the Migratory Bird Convention, an agreement signed between the United States and Canada that outlines hunting rules, many Native people are not able to properly provide for themselves.

The Convention, now supported in Canada by the Migratory Birds Convention Act, puts in place migratory bird management regulations that Native leaders see as unfair.

"It is an infringement on the right of our people to hunt," said one NCT member.

In its presentation, the NCT said that many non-Native underestimate how much Natives still rely on hunting.

To remedy this situation they suggested that priority be given to education programs that properly describe Native lifestyles and practises to non-Native students.

In the past, attempts have been made to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act to better suit Native needs but those attempts were made without the consultation of Native leaders.

"There has to be a process set up between the Assembly of First Nations and the government of Canada

to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act," said the NCT report.

The report also demanded that the government "support First Nations management of migratory birds."

NCT members felt that Natives should work in conjunction with the government to ensure wildlife conservation but believed that First Nations should take the "lead role."

Former Indian Affairs Minister accused

(Ann) — John Munro, the former Liberal Indian Affairs Minister, has been accused of making improper use of federal Native funds.

The RCMP has filed an affidavit that suggests that about \$150,000 of federal grant money, given to the Assembly of First Nations, was diverted into Munro's 1984 party leadership campaign fund. Munro lost the leadership to John Turner.

Munro has denied any knowledge of the monetary transfer and has challenged the RCMP to "do the decent thing and bring this to a head as quickly as possible."

He would like the Mounties to lay charges if they have evidence, or stop the accusations if they do not.

A number of Native leaders, even some from the Assembly of First Nations, have rallied to Munro's support.

David Ahenakew, former national leader of the Assembly of First Nations, has warned that he may sue the RCMP for libel and for using an improper warrant in their search for documentation to support their case against Munro.

The RCMP have refused to comment on this case.

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Dene and Metis Offered Settlement



By Gil McGowan
An agreement in principle on the land claim of Western Arctic Dene and Metis has been reached.

The claim, first advanced in the early 1970's by Dene and Metis leaders, originally asked that the ownership of 1.2 million sq. km. of land be transferred to northern Natives.

Under the tentative agreement recently reached in Ottawa, the Dene and Metis would receive 180,000 sq. km. of land in the North-west Territories.

They would also be given nearly \$500 million in compensation from the federal government to be paid out over an unspecified number of years.

In addition, the deal would ensure Native representation on boards overseeing wildlife and land management in an area encompassing some 1.2 million sq. km.

In this area, corresponding to that area outlined in the original claim, the Dene and Metis people would have guaranteed access for hunting, trapping and fishing. They would also receive a fixed percentage of the royalties garnered from future resource development/extraction projects.

Dene and Metis leaders have been meeting to discuss the proposed agreement and have chosen to refer the issue to general assemblies of their people.

If the agreement is

rattified by the assemblies and the federal cabinet, work to draft a final document will begin.

Plans on how the \$500 million should be spent have already been formulated by Dene and Metis representatives who recently attended an economic conference in Yellowknife.

They would like to see a trust fund established to ensure that future generations can benefit from the endowment.

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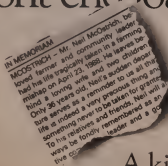


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(ANN — Ten Natives, representing various prairie reserves, have gone to Ottawa to reclaim a sacred bundle given former Prime Minister Trudeau in 1980.

The bundle, containing land-claim documents and topsoil from Alberta's Blood Re-

serve, was presented to Trudeau by Native leaders in hopes of speeding up government action on outstanding Native land claims.

After eight years of inaction, Dennis First Rider, who led the original delegation of Ottawa, has decided to retrieve the bundle which is presently on display at the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

First Rider, a Blood Indian from Southern Alberta, will participate in a 4,000 km relay that will end when the bundle is returned to the Blood reserve.

The reclamation effort and the cross country relay that is to follow, was organized in hopes of bringing new attention to the Native land claims issue.

First Rider feels that both the federal, government and Native leaders have impeded settlement efforts. The government by ignoring its responsibilities and Native leaders squabbling amongst themselves

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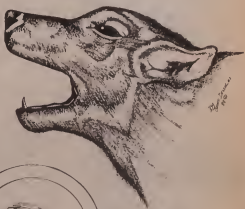
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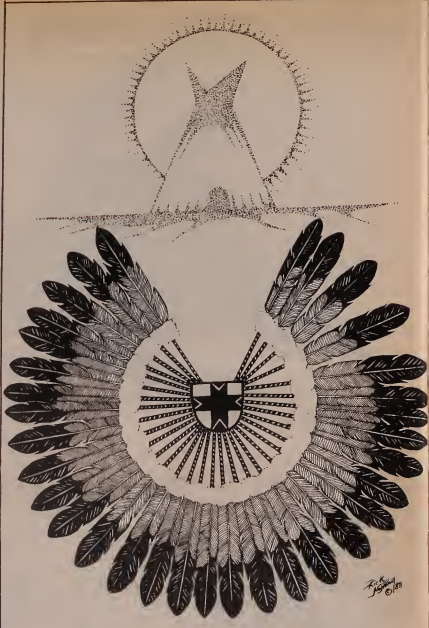
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Native artist promotes
culture, preserves history

By Gil McGowan
Rick Nonaime, a young and hopeful native artist from Saskatchewan, is striving to maintain and promote Native culture through his art.

He uses traditional symbols and subjects such as the eagle staff, the buffalo, the wolf and the eagle - because they are so much a part of Native history and culture. "the symbols of animals are really important to Native people. We are together in spirit," he says.

Nonaime gets inspiration for his work from "Native spiritual teachings."

He explains that many of his ideas come to him while listening to the stories and

histories told by Elders.

Rick feels that his art should be meaningful - that it should convey a uniquely Native message.

"When Native people see my work... I want it to mean something to them," he says.

Rick hopes that his understandings and interpretation of Native life will help other Natives - especially youths - to better appreciate and embrace their history and culture.

He feels that most main stream artwork, even the work of Native artists educated in non-Native art schools, does not speak to Natives.

"I never went to art school because a lot of these educated art students... their view is not sensible to Natives," he says.

Nonaime has been drawing and sketching since an early age and has recently branched out to painting and silk-screening.

He has entered many of his works in the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Competition that is being held in Edmonton.

Before deciding what direction his artistic career will take in the future, Rick wants to see how well he does in the competition.

"Right now I want to wait for the responses from the show," he says.

Examples of Ricks'

works can be seen on the pages of the Alberta Native News and the Western Native News. Many of his original works may be viewed or purchased at the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Exhibition to be held at the Frog Gallery, 12303-Jasper Avenue (Edmonton) from July 29 to August 27.



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Geoff Desjarlais: Young artist at work

By Bryan Brochu

Geoff Desjarlais, a promising young Native artist, is just beginning to develop his talent — and the results are most encouraging.

Desjarlais, at the young age of 15, has lived in Edmonton for nearly three years. Originally from Regina, he and his family have lived all over Western Canada.

Of Metis descent, Desjarlais is a Grade 10 student who does well in mat and the sciences along with having a keen interest in history. He has no formal training in drawing, but his uncle, Rick Noname, an artist with *The Alberta Native News*, has tutored him in basic drawing techniques and conceptual organization.

Desjarlais' work seems to represent aspects of himself. He draws solitary animals with little decorative background or expressionistic characteristics. He is the quiet young person who seems to prefer solitary activities such as bicycle riding over group functions.

Desjarlais is a realist. He draws as he sees. His rendition of buffaloes and bears remind one of a Len Gibbs or Robert Bateman portrait; the detail is that precise.

With a realistic style, flaws are nearly impossible to hide, making Desjarlais' work all the more im-

pressive. His drawings are an expression of his spirit — solitary and unencumbered. Due to his youth, Desjarlais has few circumstances impacting his life and influencing his art. This is why he offers a straightforward central focus and little symbolic background.

Desjarlais has created nearly 100 works of art in the past year, but he is just beginning to look seriously into marketing himself. His sales to this point have primarily come through relationships with teachers at school who have become familiar with his talent and commission him to do a drawing. His prices are quite inexpensive, even more so when one considers that he has an opportunity to become successful in the future.

Failure is something an up and coming artist should not have to deal with if he has any control over a situation. But recently, Desjarlais attempted to enter his work in an art contest

organized by the Alberta Indian Arts and Craft Society, only to be disallowed to compete because of his age. Official Society policy states that one must be a minimum of 16 years of age to enter any such sanctioned event. Desjarlais was acutely disappointed and disillusioned with the society over being told he could not compete. He argues that an art contest should be based upon artistic criteria and not be turned into a contest of age. He strongly felt that his work could compete and that he could have done well. Spokespersons for The Alberta Native Arts and Crafts Society were unavailable for comment.

As for future plans, Desjarlais says he will probably put his art, "on the shelf for a while, so as not to interfere with my schooling." The staff at *Alberta Native News* wishes Geoff Desjarlais luck in completing his goals.

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Native art taken to Hong Kong

By Gil McGowan
Phylis Matousek, a
freelance art consultant,
has taken Alberta
Native art to the Orient.

Working in conjunction with the Alberta government, Matousek has put together a small collection of contemporary Native art work and taken it to Hong Kong for display at the Alberta Information Center, a new addition to the Alberta government's Trade Development Office.

The work of six Alberta Native artists is being featured at the exhibition. Paintings by Alex Janvier (Cold Lake), Joane Cardinal-Schubert (Calgary), Jane Asch-Poitras (Edmonton) and Norval Morrisseau (Artist in Residence, Jasper) have been displayed. Brian Clark of Edmonton contributed three soapstone sculptures and Tom Poulsen of Fort MacLeod is introducing the far East to birkbark bittings.

The exhibit was rounded out by a wide selection of Native craft items, supplied by Mary Perard from the Native Cultural Museum at Grouard.

By displaying art in Hong Kong, Matousek hopes to open new markets for Native artists.

"The people of Hong Kong are not aware of Native art," she explains.

The artists involved in the show have had their work displayed in



North America, South America and Europe but there have been few formal displays of Native art in Asia, Matousek says.

But, she is quick to point out, the small number of Asian exhibits does not reflect a lack of interest in Native art.

"They were really intrigued with the artwork," Matousek says - especially those works that took a more abstract form.

Matousek regrets that she was unable to take a larger collection to Hong Kong but was hampered by a tight schedule (she had only one week to prepare the show) and a limited ability to travel.

In the future, she plans to organize other, similar exhibits of Native art in Taiwan, mainland China and Japan.

Matousek encourages all Native artists who would like their work

displayed overseas to call her at 433-1752 and send examples, pictures or slides of their work.

Inuit artists recognised

(ANN) — The works of thirteen Inuit artists will be incorporated into the permanent collection at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.

Previously, no other contemporary Inuit art works had been included in a permanent exhibit at the National Gallery of Canada.

The thirteen artists include: Lucy Tasseor Tucksweetuck of Eskimo Point, North West Territories; Francis Kaluraq of Baker Lake, North West Territories; Pudlat of Pelly Bay, North West Territories; Irene Avoalaoqai of Baker Lake, North West Territories; William Noah of Baker Lake, North West Territories; Peggy Ekaginn of

Coppermine, North West Territories; Kenojak Ashevak of Cape Dorset, North West Territories; Philip Qamanir of Arctic Bay, North West Territories; Osiutok Ipeelee of Cape Dorset, North West Territories; Kaka Ashonna of Cape Dorset, North West Territories; and Levi Iqalukjuak of Clyde River, North West Territories.

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Native artist tells 'secret'

Edward Harpe was born in Fort McMurray in 1969 and has always enjoyed drawing. He received his high school education in Onoway and attained an Honours standing in his graduating art class in 1987.

His first public appearance was in the Asum Mena Native Art Festival at the Front Gallery in Edmonton.

He received critical acclaim here from the Edmonton Journal's art critic, and sold out at the show.

Edward's work is identified through his unique use of line and space. Images, usually black and white, emerge from the stark white paper.

Recently Edward's work was seen at Shell Canada's "Native Youth Art Exhibition" at the '88 Calgary Olympics. This show travels to Ottawa in June 1988.

Currently five new works are included in "Relentless Devotion", a group show sponsored by the Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society at the Beaver House Gallery.

Edward hopes to one day pursue formal art training at either the University of Lethbridge or Emily Carr in Vancouver. He says his art means a lot to him. "With every work I let out a little secret.

At present Edward is busy preparing works

for the upcoming gallery showing in Fort McMurray.

He may be contacted through AIAC at 426-2048.

Native Band gets bus contract

(ANN) — The Fort McKay Band of northern Alberta has been awarded an \$8.5 million bus contract with Syncrude Canada Ltd.

According to band administrators, the contract will result in the creation of 16 permanent, full time jobs over a period of five years.

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Schappy released

After serving 20 months of a five year sentence for illegally selling salmon, David Schappy, Sr. was released from a federal Prison on May 17 in Spokane.

Schappy, a 65 year-old Yakima Indian, and his son David Schappy, Jr. 30, were charged with violation of the 1981 Lacey Act

Since then, their sentence and case has received widespread international attention.

His lawyer Tom Keefe, Jr. said that Schappy Sr. is to Indian fishing rights what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is to civil rights.

Schappy's legal problems attracted the attention of influential

senators and President Reagan.

One of the senators, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is head of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. The elder Schappy is expected to testify later this year before the committee.

Schappy Sr. was charged with illegally selling 317 Columbia River Salmon: his son for selling 28 salmon.

Richard Severson, a federal fisheries manager, called the Schappys thieves who were motivated by greed.

The investigation that resulted in the Schappys arrest began seven months before the Lacey Act was signed.

Keefe hopes Congress will try to find out why the investigation into the Schappy began before the law was enacted.

Schappy contends that a stroke suffered while in prison last August paralyzed his left arm.

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Over half of the \$40 million will go to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to pay for the construction of 500 new short-term crisis assistance shelters.

Spokesmen for the department of Health and Welfare say that the funding is necessary because family violence in Canada is a real and persistent problem.

Evidence to support this assertion can be found in a 1986 report compiled by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women which estimates that as many as one million women in Canada are beaten by the men with whom they live.

A similar study conducted by the Uni-

versity of Alberta revealed that 11% of Alberta's married women had been assaulted by their husbands.

The department of Health and Welfare also pointed out that child abuse and elder abuse present serious problems in many Canadian households.

In 1984, the Committee on Sexual Offences Against Children and Youths reported that 52% of the

population have been victims of unwanted sexual acts at some point in their lives: four in five of these incidents occurred when the victims were children or youths and one-quarter involved a family member or guardian.

The department of Indian and Northern Affairs will receive an allocation of \$3 million over four years to augment existing pro-

grams and initiate new community based projects aimed at dealing with the problem of family violence.

Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight has promised that an Advisory Committee on Family Violence, made up primarily of Indian and Inuit representatives, will be established to help determine the direction for family violence programs.

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Forestry Consultant Firm on the Move

By Bryan Brochu

Stewart & Ewing Associates Ltd. (SEAFOR) is a forest resource consultant firm whose associates have been engaged in providing services to the forest industry for several years. With offices in Prince George, Richmond and Edmonton, SEAFOR has extensive experience in a wide range of forestry projects.

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The principal officers of the company have over 75 years of forestry/consultant experience. President W.D. (Bill) Ewing, R.P.F. has 30 years in the forestry business;

M. (Michael) Stewart, R.P.F. also has over 30 years of forestry experience; and Secretary/Treasurer R.M.H. (Ron) Chau has over 18 years of consultant experience with an

emphasis on financial analysis.

Project experience includes a diversity of locations and projects. For example, in Gwalior, India a 1987 project critically reviewed and analyzed aerial seeding of forest tree species for the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. For the Commonwealth Secretariat of London, SEAFOR developed and implemented a study to improve management and utilization of Himalayan forests. In Columbia, a major forest inventory was carried out in select areas of the Amazon region. SEAFOR selected a site and developed plans for a plywood mill on the banks of the Amazon river. SEAFOR has considerable international consulting experience in a variety of project types; but the majority of projects are undertaken in Canada.

Of the Canadian projects most are in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. As with its international projects, SEAFOR has involved itself in a diverse choice of contracts. For example, in Williams Lake, B.C. SEAFOR provided an assessment of forest and milling operations of an existing sawmill where operating costs and component processes were evaluated and potential returns were projected. For another client in British Columbia, detailed observations of resource opportunities

to pin point sources of timber was successfully completed. In Saskatchewan a study regarding the environmental problems associated with forest harvesting was developed. This study took into consideration essentially every source of ground disturbance related to forest harvesting including wildlife habitat, road building, and soil conservation. SEAFOR is also engaged in a project on the west coast of British Columbia on going for

many years in cruising, road engineering, block layout and full silvicultural treatments. SEAFOR has designed and implemented forestry training programs and developed forest industry employment opportunities for native reserves in Alberta. SEAFOR'S involvement with the native community includes the development of forest management resource plans for reserve lands.

This is a company on the move and their roster of specialists is impressive.

Driftpile Band gets funding

(ANN) — The Driftpile Band of Lesser Slave Lake will receive \$100,000 from the Alberta government to begin the construction of a lake-side recreation area.

The project will give 13 band members employment for 26 weeks and will result in the construction of a playground, camping facilities, a boat launch, a parking lot and numerous camp trails.

Funding for the project is being provided through the Alberta Business and Community Program (ABCP).

"The Driftpile Band is to be commended for its effort to create jobs and enhance the recreational and economic life of the community," said Larry Shaben, MLA for Lesser Slave Lake and Minister of Economic Development and Trade.

Ozone Hole over Canadian North

By: Gil McGowan

A government researcher with the Environment Department in Ottawa, says that another hole in the ozone layer is developing.

Dr. W.F. Evans says that a hole, similar to the one found over the South Pole, may form over the Canadian Arctic.

Instruments carried into the upper atmosphere by balloon have indicated that a large, oval shaped area of depleted ozone has formed near the North Pole during the last few winters.

Evans warns that once a hole forms ozone from other parts of the hemisphere may be drawn into it and lost.

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We're talking about havin' a parade, fiddlin and jiggling contests, a Metis Pageant, tug o'war, foot races, a "Bull-of-the-North" contest. Speeches by well-known Metis leaders, a horseshoe tourney, ball tourney, you name it. And, if I can persuade the gang, we're going to have a rodeo too.

We might even have a midway; that's not to mention the dances. So mark that on your calendar. August 19th, 20th and 21st is the lucky weekend.

So far we're inviting speakers Jim Sinclair, spokesman of the Metis National Council, Nick Sibbeston, Metis layers and leader of the Northwest Territories Government, and Larry Desmeules, president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

I tell you this is going to be one heckuva party to hit. Paddle's a golden 50 years old this year; I don't happen every years. So we're gonna show how the Metis can celebrate.

I feel the excitement already. Catch yuh there.

Now what else? Birthdays — Adolphus Ghostkeeper is definitely the Elder of Paddle Prairie. He turned his 97th leaf on July 1. Old Adolphus

was one of the first settlers to set eyes on "God's Country" here. His wife also turned 77 on the 29th of May; grandchild Sandy was 26 years old on the 18th of that month.

Programs. A friend from the settlement asked that I say something on the programs and services offered through the settlement office. Now, I'm sorry that I can't write a whole lot on any of them, but I thought it might be a good idea to at least mention a good part of them.

First of all, housing. In this area the office and the federal Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation have programs available for members. Through this federal corporation we are eligible for the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance program (RRAP). Also, Paddle will be talking with them about the Rural Native Housing program. It is hoped to have RRAP soon underway.

Under housing we also have the Rural Home Assistance Program through the province. In addition to the regular five to six homes they provide each year, they all will fund repairs of certain types.

We also have road building each year, graveling this year, and graving plots. The office also works with members with septic tank or cistern concerns. This year they have also done land clearing and breaking, which may also be available next year.

These programs are not always available all of the time. So it's a good idea to keep in

Paddle Happenings



by Everett Lambert
Paddle Prairie
Community
Correspondent

touch with your local settlement office.

Oh yes, happy belated birthday to Mona Calliou and Gary Auger (May 4th), Greta Ghostkeeper (May 5), and Carl and Greg (Monkey) Calliou (May 16) and Lawrence Auger, Regan Chalioux and Doreen Poitras (May 24th).

In closing, sorry to Judy Middleton, Referral Counsellor, Acting Director and volunteer of the newly opened, High Level Native Friendship Centre. I incorrectly referred to it as the Canadian Native Friendship Centre at a time, or two or three. Sorry, Bye, Bye. God Bless.

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New community vocational centres opened in northern Alberta

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The new buildings in Cadotte Lake and Peerless Lake will give students enrolled in academic upgrading and skill training programs more comfortable surroundings in which to pursue their studies.

The two larger facilities in Calling Lake and Smith will offer space for typing and computer training programs in addition to academic upgrading classrooms.



Allan Beaver and Coach Jim Moubourquette at the Canadian 10 km. Championship.

Native runner's career rocketing forward

By Gil McGowan
Allan Beaver is a young and talented Native athlete who never slows down.

Since the age of 13, when he first began to compete seriously, Allan has devoted a large portion of his life to running.

Most recently, Allan ran in the Canadian 10km Championships in Mississauga, Ontario where he finished only a few minutes behind the winner.

Before that, he entered and completed the Vancouver International Marathon — his

first 26 mile race.

"The last six miles are the worst," Allan says of his marathon experience, adding quickly that he is in no way deterred by the pain. In fact, Allan plans to run three more marathons this fall.

The first will be the Toronto Marathon which takes place in September. While in the east, Allan will also travel to New York to run in that city's marathon. After that, he will return to Alberta to compete in the Lethbridge Marathon where he hopes to clock

a time of less than two hours 50 minutes. If successful in beating this mark, Allan will qualify to run in the Boston Marathon — the most prestigious and most highly competitive distance run in North America.

Allan gives much of the credit for his success to his family and friends in northern Alberta. "Without the support of my family, I wouldn't have gone so far in my running career," he says.

Allan says that his brothers, all of whom are actively involved in local football, volleyball and basketball teams, helped him to develop an interest in sports and continue to encourage

him today. Allan's coach, Jim Moubourquette, also gives him constant encouragement. "In my opinion, Allan is an excellent runner with great potential," says Moubourquette.

At the present, Allan is training with the Boston Marathon in mind, but after that goal is met, he hopes to qualify for a spot on the national team that will represent Canada at the next World Cross-Country Championships.

Still further in the future, Allan is thinking about the 1992 Olympics where he would like to represent the Native people of Canada.

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New Friendship Centre Hosts Grand Opening

By: Everett
Lambert

High Level, Alberta - Beginning June 9th, the Native people Alberta's northwest will have access to one of the finest Native friendship centres in western Canada.

The new facility, located in the community of High Level, was opened officially by Chief Harry Chonkolay of the Dene Tha Tribe who participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony. Chief Chonkolay, born in 1908, is celebrating his 50th year in office as leader of northern Alberta's Slavey Tribe.

Also on hand for the ceremonies were Patrick Cavanaugh, President of the High Level Native Friendship Centre, Clifford Supernault of Alberta Municipal Affairs, Al "Boomer" Adair, MLA, and Bob Walters, Mayor of High Level.

Activities at the opening included a fashion show, the White Braid Society, the Dene Tha Drummers, food and presentations.

In that year, eight women joined together to form the High Level chapter of the Voice of Alberta Women - a forerunner of the High Level Native Friendship society.

Those eight original women were: Albine Fournier, Madeline Perrot, Bella Atchoosay, Mary Francis, Leona Shandruk, Marion Schulte, Clara Ward-Woodbridge and Rose Bjornson. After their incorporation,

membership grew rapidly, necessitating the construction of a referral/drop in centre. In 1976, the VANW Northern Lights Wigwam was opened.

After amalgamating with Community Life in 1978, the group came to be known as Kikino (Cree for "us"). Feeling their aims were not being fulfilled, the Native women of Kikino split from the organization.

After being urged by many people, they regrouped and formed the High Level Native Friendship Centre Society in 1982.

Originally the centre was housed in staff member Lois Green's home.

In 1985 HLNFC conducted a needs assessment which identified a number of programs and of facilities that were lacking. From the assessment, a decision was made to expand facilities, which is how the new centre came to be.

The classy new building will offer space for meetings, trade shows and children and elder's events.

At the Centre, the HLNFC will offer programs in youth development, referral and counselling, craft making and sewing.

To take the centre into its fledgling year is the centre's board: Karen McKay (Vice-President), Jenny Cardinal (Treasurer), and Laura Webb (Secretary).

Directors for the facility will include: Special Const. Cecile Hinds, John Loftus, Marie Oxman, Elmer Cardinal, Leslie Noskey, Audrey Davis, Rhonda Lizotte and Don Deschene.

Metis Settlement Holds Round Dance

By: Everett
Lambert

Paddle Prairie, Alberta - Approximately 300 people from various communities throughout north and central Alberta, attended Paddle Prairie's "Cultural Evening", an event intended to highlight native heritage.

A central component of the day was the "round-dance".

What's a round dance? It's exactly that. The drum is surrounded by a string of dancers who form a large circle. The Native Indian people of Canada believe that life, like the dancer, is a circle. The sun circles the earth, which itself goes through the cycle of the seasons, spring, summer, fall and winter.

The round-dance also has another meaning of great importance. It literally brings the community together.

The organizers of the Paddle Prairie gathering also arranged for a number of speakers to make presentations supportive of Native land claims.

Alphonse Ominiyak, younger brother to Bernard, the well known Chief of the Lubicon Lake Band, spoke about their 50 year old claim.

In the fashion of his older brother, Alphonse spoke with a soft, shy voice. In a nervous tone he spoke of the federal government's recent court action against the Lubicon band in a move to force a settlement, claimed that the band was entitled to 117 square km (which is about four by eight miles) a parcel that is only a small fraction of what the Band is claiming.

Ominiyak feels that the court action is merely a "scare tactic" and should be ignored. Richard Poitras, Secretary to the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlement Association and a resident of Paddle Prairie also made a presentation. He spoke of the uniqueness of Canada's Metis, the "in between people". These people are neither Indian nor white, and thus formed their own culture.

Poitras explained how no other country besides Canada has special rights for those types of people. In the United States, for instance, you are either Indian or non-Indian. Alberta is also a unique place in Canada and the world. It is the only place where one can find Metis land.

The "cultural evening" also saw a feast and a give-away sponsored by the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement.

The day ended in an actual round dance with upwards of 200 people dancing to the best of White Braid drummers from the Dene Tha Tribe of Assiniboia.

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McKnight Must Resign — NDP

By: Sam Keck

(ANN) Jim Fulton, the federal New Democrat Indian Affairs critic, has called for the resignation of Indian Affairs Minister, Bill McKnight.

Fulton charged that McKnight, who is also the Minister in charge of Western Diversification, gave a \$9.5 million grant to the Daishowa Company to support the construc-

tion of a pulp mill. Fulton pointed out that this sum is 19 times that which was offered by McKnight to the Lubicon.

Fulton also noted that much of the land ceded to the Daishowa Company was already claimed by the Lubicon.

In addition to improprieties regarding the Lubicon land claim, Fulton said that McKnight should be forced to resign for

failing to represent the concerns of the Lytton and Mount Currie Bands of British Columbia. These bands have been lobbying against the develop-

ment of the Stein Valley, a project proposed by British Columbia's Sacred government.

McKnight has chosen not to meet with representatives from either band.

Barriers broken between U.S., Soviet Inuit

(ANN) — The governments of the United States and the Soviet Union have allowed Inuits from either side of the Bering Strait to meet with each other after 40 years of forced separation.

On the morning of June 14, a Boeing 737 carrying 82 Alaskan Inuits, and a number of Alaskan businessmen, peace activists and politicians, landed in the Russian town of Providencia and was greeted by many cheering, flag waving Soviet Inuits.

The visit was made possible by the efforts of individuals in both countries who lobbied government officials for permission for an exchange.

On the Alaska side, James Stimpfle, a real estate agent from Nome, led the struggle to have the "friendship

flight" approved.

Stimpfle spent two years writing letters to American and Soviet government agencies before he was given the go-ahead.

The Inuits present at the reunion were glad to put aside East/West conflicts, spending most of their time relating stories about their families and hunting expeditions in their own Yupik dialect.

The border between the U.S. and the Soviet Union was closed in 1948 as a result of Cold War tensions.

Before that time, Inuits from both countries crossed the Bering Strait freely and frequently.

Leaders from both the American and Soviet delegations expressed hopes that Soviet Inuits would be able to make a return trip to Alaska.

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On Friday, May 27, MLA Larry Shaben cut the ribbon at the official opening of the new Community Vocational Centre in Gift Lake. Looking on are Community Education Committee members, Allen Lamouche, Charlie L'Hirondelle and Gordon Belcourt; and students, Freda Gladue, Linda Beaver and Wanda Flett. In opening the centre, Shaben sated how proud ne was that the members of the community were directly involved in providing adult education in their own community.

Iroquois band attempting to reinstate reserve

By: Everett
Lambert
Correspondent

Descendants of an Alberta Indian Band are attempting to regain the reserve land they lost in 1958.

Recently descendants of the historic Michel (Callihoo) Band - once located a short distance from Edmonton - met at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in that city to discuss strategy.

The reserve, originally spread across 25,600 acres of land, was located on the south bank of the Sturgeon River some 24 kms northwest of Edmonton.

Also unique was the Band's ancestry. Although many eastern Indian tribes had moved west in the late 1800's this was the only Iroquois band to establish a reserve in Western Canada. Modern Iroquois are predominantly located on the Six Nation's reserve near Brantford, Ontario, which holds the largest Indian reserve population north of the Canada/US border.

A main argument of the descendants is that the Band was "swindled" out of its land.

Spokespersons Rosalind Thome and Robert Calihoo, 45 - often referred to as Chief Calihoo - both state that the Band is

the "only" one to have been enfranchised in Canadian history. Enfranchisement of individual Indians was common place, especially when it was law that Indians had to give up their status to do such things as vote and take on professions such as being a priest or officers of the law. Enfranchisement of the Michel Band, en masse, was however, a unique matter.

Thome, referring to the enfranchisement as "cultural genocide" said, "the important thing is that we're not just after land. We want our culture and history back."

Some of the descendants decided against incorporating a Society and have opted to take a Chief-and-council route in pressing their land claim.

Thome remarked that the descendants will meet at Calihoo "around the 23rd of July" to work at putting a Chief and council in place. This could,

however, pose problems as the Indian Act - the federal law under which status Indians live - requires that a Band must have a reserve before a Chief and Council can be established.

Enfranchisement of the Band goes back to the last century when Louis Callio (one variance of the spelling) took Metis scrip in 1899, thus

foregoing his Indian rights as well as all their descendants rights to status. For instance descendant Bruce Lambert, 29, recently applied for status, after Bill C-31 became law, and was refused due to Callio's taking scrip.

Also, in the late 1920's some 28 members and their families enfranchised.

However in 1958, when Robert Calihoo was 14 years old, 121 were enfranchised which effectively wiped out the Band and its reserve.

Calling it "corruption" Calihoo stated that in the 50's the Federal Indian Affairs department told members that they "may as well give up (their reserve)." After all, the roads were in ill repair and unsafe for use and residents were living in "tar paper shacks."

Also, Calihoo continues, some of the people were enfranchised without having voted on the matter.

Many contemporary Native families trace their roots to this Band: the family of the late Stan Daniels; Karakonti's; Calliou's; L'Hirondelle's; Lambert's; Calahasen's, etc.

The Band launched an unsuccessful land claim with the federal Office of Native Land Claims in 1985; they were however, refused due to insufficient

documentation. The Band presently has lawyer Judy Sayers representing them. Sayers is with the Wilton Littlechild firm of Hobbeema.

The group is now looking at filing a claim through the Supreme Court of Canada. Some 1,000 documents have been gathered by Thome and her mother and both Thome and Calihoo feel the Band has an abundance of evidence indicating the reserve was indeed improperly disposed of.

The Edmonton Journal recently reported that Indian Affair people aren't convinced that the Band is entitled to a reserve but are, however, willing to consider and listen to the case.

Don Goodwin, assistant deputy minister, is quoted as saying "the land was disposed of and compensation was provided according to the Band's wishes at the time."

"We didn't feel there was much there to work with, given the fact those (deals) were legit at the time."





CVC Gift Lake students prepared a delicious cake to commemorate the official opening of the new Community Vocational Centre in their community. Doreen Nahachichuck and Fred Gladue are seen here with instructor Norm Merry. Merry was presented with a plaque from the students, thanking him for two years of excellent instruction.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference A Success

Close to 300 people attended a three day conference in Slave Lake entitled "Community Initiatives in Conquering Alcohol and Drug Abuse" on June 10, 11 & 12. Participants came from all over Alberta and as far away as the Northwest Territories to listen to speakers discuss the role of community involvement in preventing alcohol and drug abuse. Some of the local communities represented included Trout Lake, Peerless Lake, Wabasca-

Demarais, Sturgeon Lake and Driftpile, among others.

On Saturday, featured speaker Dave Belleau from Alkali Lake, British Columbia explained the process his community struggled through to achieve sobriety and to rebuild after many years of tragic alcoholism. The story he shared was inspiring to many.

Paul Hanki's workshop on mobile treatment, the process where alcohol and drug abuse treatment is

brought into the community rather than residents going out to treatment centres, stressed the importance of community leaders being totally behind the treatment program. Without the support of leadership, a mobile treatment program will fail.

The solvent abuse workshop given by Dianne Moir of Nechi Institute alerted many to the dangers of inhaling solvents and featured a community action model which could be applied to prevention activities.

The necessity of the community working together and forming a caring team to help overcome substance abuse was emphasized by Maggie Hodgson of Nechi Institute, St. Albert in her session. She explained how this approach was used in the O'Chiese community near Rocky

Mountain House. Being a role model, that is being alcohol and drug-free oneself, is also very necessary in order to help the community. As all the workshops stressed, helping the community starts with helping oneself and being sober and drug-free.

Fun as well as learning was an important part of the conference. At the Round Dance Friday night and the Sober Dance held on Saturday night, both open to the public, attendance was well over 300. Participants commented on the great time they had and the Sober Dance was probably the largest ever held in Slave Lake.

Throughout the conference, a great sense of community and caring was felt. Participants left with many new ideas and with hope for the future of their communities.

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Spotlight on B.C.

Seedlings not growing as fast as expected

by Robin Lefevre

Recent research into the height-growth response of seedlings in mid-northern timber supply areas of British Columbia may result in major reductions of some annual allowable cuts, if the new information is applied in the field by the forest service.

Scientific evidence recently presented to the regional and district offices by the Forest Service's own research branch clearly shows that trees aren't growing as fast as formerly thought.

It actually takes up to 38 years longer for seedlings to achieve the height-growth objectives necessary to satisfy watershed and wildlife needs. This means, in many cases, the rate of logging may have to be reduced to protect important multiple use values.

The research — which covers interior spruce and pine — has so far only been applied on an experimental basis in the McBride timber supply area (TSA), where overcutting has not yet become a problem.

Many forest areas are already struggling with inflated cut levels, with Forest Service staff uncertain or hesitant to impose cut reductions on industry in order to bring cut levels more in line with long-run sustained yield objectives.

Firms operating in areas already suffering from a depleted timber supply are expected to resist any attempt by the forest service to act on the new scientific evidence.

Height is important

The typical photograph of a recently logged area often leaves an impression of near total devastation.

Wherever progress

is clearcutting is practised — for as far as the eye can see — almost all of the trees have been cut. In many cases, the photograph gives an all-out portrayal of the real situation.

However, progressive clearcutting is just one of many possible cutting methods.

When the objective of a logging company's management plan is single use, which means an economic goal of least cost for maximum dollar return, forecasters will often go along with progressive clearcutting. Logging firms, quite frankly, believe this practise is the only way to harvest trees while achieving the best return for the stockholder.

But when you consider the other values of a forest, especially water and wildlife concerns, management

will often modify their clearcutting approach.

It should be noted that clearcutting is not necessarily a bad practise. In fact, many seedlings in a new forest require abundant light to survive and grow.

And clearcutting is both justifiable and essential when an outbreak of insects or a fire lays waste to a large area. The dead trees still standing from such an onslaught have no economic or useful value.

In less dramatic circumstances, a variety of alternatives to clearcutting are available. The most common one requires the logging company to divide the harvest area into habitat zones. In each zone, no more than one-third of the trees are cut at any one time. That means two thirds of the habitat can be used by wildlife at all times.

When this method is

put in practise, no ecosystem or valley will lose their trees all at once.

And that's good for the variety of wildlife in the area; they'll survive at near normal population levels.

However, to apply a policy of never cutting more than a third of the wildlife habitat at any one time is politically difficult. Most company accountants wouldn't

agree to that restraint without a head-to-head struggle with the forester.

Yet for all the political fallout companies must deal with, they are "harvesting delay" guidelines in place, at least in the interior of the province. The forester must find a balance between maximizing tree harvesting and preserving the water quality and wildlife habitats.

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B.C. Natives get new education agreement

(ANN) The federal government and the government of British Columbia have signed and put into effect the Masters Tuition Agreement, an education pact that will affect British Columbia's status Indians.

Under the agreement, the federal government will fund the extension of provincial education services to status Indian students who live on reserves.

Since 1969, the federal government has accepted the financial responsibility for the

elementary and secondary education of status Indians living on reserves or Crown land. They have also paid tuition fees for Native students who have chosen to attend provincial schools.

As a result of the new Agreement, Native bands and school boards will have the option of negotiating their own agreements instead of participating in province wide agreements.

British Columbia Native leaders were not given a central role in the formulation of the agreement.

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Sheila Hayes, president of the Louis Riel Historical Society, is hopeful that her group will be able to stimulate greater interest in, and understanding of, the Metis community in Alberta.

The Society, incorporated in 1986, was formed in order to raise funds for the initiation of a Metis archives, museum and library.

Since that time, Hayes and the other members of her staff have busied themselves seeking and collecting Metis artifacts and histories in Alberta and across the country.

In addition to compiling records, the Society has recently begun funding speakers who are available to lecture at schools and other interested organizations about Metis history and culture.

"There are very few things published on the

Metis families in Alberta," Hayes points out. She hopes that the society can change that by collecting both written and oral genealogies.

The Louis Riel Historical Society will be sponsoring a beginner's course in genealogy entitled "Tracing Your Metis Roots," on June 7, 14, 21 and 28th, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The course will be held in room 100, 12120 - 106 Avenue and will cost \$30.00.

The course is intended to help students start the search for their histories. Filing, research and interview techniques will be taught.

"We're thinking of taking the course out to the settlements, for one-day workshops, if there is an interest," says Hayes.

Hayes urges all interested individuals and community representatives to call the Society at 488-8500.

Sunchild and O'Chiese to receive compensation

(ANN) — Fred Jobin, regional director general in Alberta for the Department of Indian Affairs, has promised that compensation claims filed as a result of the forest fire on the Sunchild and O'Chiese reserves will be processed at the earliest possible date.

Jobin says that the

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This was the annual CVC extended field trip, this time, as mentioned, to the rather remote Queen Charlotte Islands. "Remote" seems appropriate to describe these islands because ours was the first Greyhound-type bus to be seen anywhere on the islands (or, at least, so we were informed by some locals).

The expedition was very ably captained by Val Buckler and Cate Gongsos, senior instructors from the main CVC office in Slave Lake, and by Arlette Barrette, the CVC Life Skills instructor with the White Fish Band Project in Atikameg. Numerous other sorts were in charge of cooking (Joe Dutton, instructor from Faust), meal clean-up (Hilma Supernault, Loon Lake), general clean-up (Ron Wollenweber, Cadotte Lake), photography (David Griffiths, Trout Lake), and extra help (Doug Ferguson, White Fish Band Project, Atikameg). The students, representing the CVC's in Smith, Trout Lake, Loon Lake, Atikameg, the White Fish Band Project, Calling Lake, Wabasca, and Cadotte Lake, "gladly" assisted on a team of their choice. More importantly, they had worked hard all year raising most of the funds for this trip through their student societies besides a generous gift from the White Fish Band Project. Warren Stout, accompanied by his wife, Gwen, expertly wheeled us around the curves along the Skeena (on a highway no wider than a narrow-gauge railway track) and onto the ferry with literally no more than six inches to spare on either side of the bus. Wendy Freeman from Faust represented the Council of Community Education Committees. Altogether, a very congenial group, melded into a cohesive organization within the ten days.

Three days of travelling by Greyhound bus and van brought us to Prince Rupert, a beautiful, clean, bustling, albeit rather isolated, city of 16,200, from whose harbour we observed coal, stock-piled for shipment to Japan; huge grain terminals filled with Prairie wheat bound for the Orient; and all against a backdrop of green-flanked, brilliantly snow-capped Coastal Range peaks.

En route, an interesting side trip to Ksan Indian Village north of Hazelton, opened the eyes of many to the situation of the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en land claim which encompasses 22,000 square miles in B.C.'s interior. "...most B.C. land, including all of the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en territory, has never been legitimately occupied, used, or acquired through

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 9. Twenty-four hour supervision.

Sunrise's objective, through these many activities, is to reorient the client to the society they live in, and provide a background for a successful return to their own milieu as a responsible member.

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any treaty, agreement, rent payment, or even conquest." (Smithers Human Rights Society) Now, by fifty-four hereditary chiefs launching a land title action against the government of B.C., these "Houses seek a declaration from the court to confirm their continued ownership and jurisdiction over their lands and all the resources of the land," i.e. self-government. (Gitksan-Wetsuwet'en Tribal Council) The trial in the

Supreme Court of B.C. is expected to last until August, 1988 with an anticipated appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

For many this was their first experience with the ocean and the ocean proved worthy of respect. Boarding the ferry, we wondered at the necessity of strapping and blocking every vehicle firmly in place on the car deck. The captain mercifully waited patiently, tied to the dock, until the waves in Hecate Strait subsided to 8' from 12', keeping us waiting rather impatiently on board all day. However, when we set sail in the early evening and finally left the protection of the mainland islands around 11 p.m., the swells of the rough waters of the strait made the ferry buck like a new bronc and many of the students and, in particular, one instructor, turned green around the gills and popped gravel like candy. It was a rough crossing. We had visions of having to strap some of the sicker ones to their bunks for the return voyage. However, it proved to be a beautiful, calm night a few days later and we all thoroughly enjoyed the comfortable little state rooms on our return.

Queen Charlotte Islands are not long (250 km) or wide and so the next four days were spent leisurely going "up-island" to Graham Island to Masset and then back "down-island" to Skidegate where we had docked. At Masset, we scavenged for a day on North Beach, a lonely wind-swept sandy expanse, open to the fierce rolling waves of Dixon Entrance. At both ends of the island, we were royally welcomed, treated to potlatch feasts, gifted, and entertained with traditional dancing. The Haida are a very proud and warm people. Then at Skidegate, we were also taken out on the ocean in the "Lootaas", the war canoe mentioned earlier, built by Bill Reid, a Haida, for Expo '86 and paddled home to the islands in great style last summer. The real trick, folks, to stay level in such a craft is for everyone on each side to be absolutely in sync with the head paddler. Fun, thrilling, yes, but it did take two hours of solid paddling, puff, puff, to go around the inlet.

Then after our relaxing ferry ride back to Prince Rupert, we literally flew home in two days - I "think" we stopped over night (12 p.m. - 6 a.m.) in Mackenzie and then home the next day via Dawson Creek, all feeling, sort of, that we'd been in a different land and among different people. And that's always the aim of a field trip - to open new horizons and give a little taste of what one other little corner of the world is like. Which reminds me - anyone tasted roc-on-kelp lately? The Skidegate people had sent a young man out to the ocean to harvest a real delicacy for us - fresh herring eggs laid on both sides of a piece of green seaweed - quite pleasant, salty



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